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## Newark's Jealousy.

Some Newark politicians and Newark papers do not take kindly to the fact that a man from one of the suburbs of Newark is now and has been for a long time at the head of the county government. Essex county is the largest county in the State, and by reason of its proximity to New York city is one of the great and important counties in the United States, and it is a high and distinguished honor to be the recognized head of its government, and to have held that exalted position for a long term of years implies a remarkable degree of ability in the man who has been thus honored by the people of the county.

The Newark Sunday Call is one of the Newark papers that do not take kindly to a man from the suburbs holding the office of the Director of the Board of Freeholders. The Call would rather have a Newark politician at the head of the county government.

Despairing of ever defeating the popular choice of the people of the county for head of the county government and smarting under what it thought was a reflection upon Newark, the Sunday Call hit upon the idea of annexing Bloomfield to Newark and there, by making Director McGowan of the Board of Freeholders a citizen of Newark. In its zeal to capture for Newark so valuable a citizen of the county as Mr. McGowan, the Call boomed annexation and was ably assisted by Major Carl Lentz. Under ordinary circumstances the Call does not like Major Lentz, but in the scheme to capture Mr. McGowan the Call accepted Major Lentz's aid and extolled the major's work for annexation.

The Call probably said to the major: "For more years than most men can remember the town of Bloomfield has sent to the Board of Freeholders, the Hon. Thomas McGowan."

The major probably informed the Call that the people of Bloomfield knew a good thing when they had it and would be likely to keep right on sending Mr. McGowan to the Board of Freeholders, and if the Call did not like such action it was up to that paper to devise some scheme for defeating it. The Call no doubt suggested annexation.

The major undoubtedly accepted the suggestion as a good one and Senator Bacheller got orders to get busy.

Why was the Call anxious to have Mr. McGowan ennobled by Newark city limits?

The answer is obvious. The Call thinks Newark ought to have all the good things in the county and that paper has a high admiration of Mr. McGowan, and in its issue of 30 recent a date as last Sunday it said: "For an innocent countryman with a mild way, Mr. McGowan has kept himself on top with an agility which can not be too highly admired. The largest institution of the county, with the most patronage and furnishing the most influence, is the county asylum and it is Brother McGowan's pet enterprise."

Mr. McGowan's personal responsibility in the administration of Essex county government has been a large one. He has conscientiously felt that responsibility at all times and has endeavored to direct the affairs of the county along lines that would meet with the approval of the people of the county. The people of Essex county are proud of their county, they are proud of its institutions, and the people of Bloomfield are proud of the fact that one of its esteemed citizens was an influential factor in building up the great county.

**The Hoff Autopsy.**  
County Physician Dr. McKenna of Newark, and his assistant Dr. Stannous of Orange, went to Mt. Olivet Cemetery Thursday afternoon, and in the presence of detectives from the county prosecutor's office, had the body of Thomas Hoff exhumed. The body was taken to Kohnst's morgue in Orange where an autopsy was performed. Fragments of the skull were found which could have been produced by a hammer such as McGowan says he used in killing Hoff. An implement found by Chief of Police Collins and Officer Blum in Second River Wednesday was fitted to the wounds, but the result was not conclusive that it was the weapon used. The police are looking for a lead loaded bullet with a piece of window shade roller for a handle, which is the kind of weapon McGowan says he used.

## The Local Police and the Hoff Case.

The accounts given in out-of-town papers of the work done in unravelling the Hoff murder case make it appear that the greater part of the credit is due to a detective from the county prosecutor's office, and the work of the local police department was of only a secondary and minor character. The facts are just the reverse. All the details that tended to prove that Hoff's death was due to murder and not accidental were brought to light by the local police department, and when the prosecutor's detective appeared in the case everything was ready to make the move for taking the accused man Basank into custody.

If any particular credit is due to any single individual in the case it is to Policeman John Blum, who, acting under the orders and direction of Chief of Police Collins, got together the chain of circumstances that pointed directly to Basank as the murderer.

Both the murderer and his victim were Polanders, and Policeman Blum is of the same nationality, and the circumstances gave him opportunity of hearing the talk that was going on among the Polanders about the relation between Basank and Mrs. Hoff.

When Chief Collins heard the story of the drinking wager in the Newark saloon he directed Blum to investigate it. These two main factors that led to the exposure of the crime were worked out by the local police before the prosecutor's officer appeared in the case at all, and it was the reporting by Chief Collins to the county physician's office of the evidence obtained that caused the prosecutor's office to act in the case.

If the local police department had let the accepted theory that Hoff's death was accidental rest, nothing more would have been heard of the case and the talk of the Polanders who had knowledge of facts in the case that pointed to murder would have been confined to those people themselves and attributed to morbid imagination.

## Library Notes.

"With the Empress Dowager" by K. A. Carl, is now in book form, having run as a serial in Scribner's Magazine. There is quite a demand for this account of Miss Carl's experiences in the land with the dragon flag, for interest in China is at present only second to interest in Russia.

"Problems of the Panama Canal" by H. L. Abbot, is of more than passing interest, and the "problems" are clearly set forth and well handled by a writer who knows his subject.

Below a large picture of George Fredericks Handel (1685-1759) is a reading list covering the life and character of the composer as man and musician, the music festivals in London, the Handel revival in Germany, and particularly noticing the oratorio of "The Messiah" which is soon to be repeated in Bloomfield.

## Town Finances.

In the annual report of the comptroller of the State treasury for the year ending October 31, 1905, appears the following statement of the financial condition of the town of Bloomfield:

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Amount of funded debt—\$398,500.  |              |
| Composed of—Bonds:  |              |
| State of interest on funded debt—4 per cent.  |              |
| Purpose for which contracted—Roads, sewers, water, fire and schools.                                      |              |
| Falls due—\$2,500 of sewer bonds and \$3,000 of school bonds each year; all others between 1909 and 1920. |              |
| Amount of floating debt—\$1,500.  |              |
| Composed of—Bonds:  |              |
| State of interest on floating debt—4 per cent.  |              |
| Purpose for which contracted—Town.  |              |
| Falls due—On demand.  |              |
| Amount of sinking fund—None.  |              |
| Amount of personal property taxable—\$643,225.  |              |
| Rate of tax levied—\$1.54 per \$100.  |              |
| Amount of tax raised and receipts from all other sources—   |              |
| County taxes.....   | \$34,716 94  |
| School taxes.....   | 37,000 00    |
| Street lighting.....  | 10,500 00    |
| Police.....   | 3,500 00     |
| Fire.....   | 4,000 00     |
| Road repairs.....   | 5,000 00     |
| Poor.....   | 11,500 00    |
| Water supply.....   | 24,000 00    |
| Bonds and interest.....   | 1,500 00     |
| Incidentals.....  | 24,499 45    |
| From State for schools.....   | 1,750 00     |
| Sewer connections.....  | 1,500 00     |
| Liquor license.....   | 5,000 00     |
| Miscellaneous receipts.....   | 14,265 28    |
| Transferred from arrears of taxes to water account.....   | 11,568 61    |
| Unexpended balances 1905.....   | 6,480 04     |
| Total.....  | \$218,190 23 |
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## Royal Arcanum.

George W. Wood, J. Howard Hardcastle and William Krebich, past counselors of America Council, No. 53, and Dr. S. C. Hamilton, grand counselor of New Jersey Loyal Association, were the guests of Newark Council No. 39, Loyal Association, on Monday evening.

The next meeting of America Council will be held in Central Hall on Friday evening, the 26th inst., at which time the officers will be installed and several candidates will be initiated.

## Held After Blast Machines.

Sheriff Summers sent a group of court house constables to this town Wednesday in search of slot machines. The constables seized three machines in different places here and they will be presented to the grand jury as evidence. The machines were seized on the 15th inst. when they were carried on in the places where the machines were found. The machines were of a new type known as "The Elk" make, and are designed to be manipulated from the counter.

## Reminiscence.

## TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

Sir: As a former resident of your vicinity, I was very much pleased in reading your highly interesting article on the business career of N. Harvey Dodd, published in your issue of the 13th inst., as I was acquainted with many of the persons whose names you mentioned. Your reference to Samuel Benson as being among those who teased young Dodd when he was an apprentice, brings up some pleasant recollections of the man. I also was subject to the teasing disposition of Mr. Benson. He was manager at that time for Moffatt's rolling mill, which was situated in the deep gully on Bloomfield avenue, a short distance west of the Glen Ridge station of the Lackawanna Railroad. I had occasion to go to the mill many times on business for my father, and was always sure of receiving some good-humored pleasantry from the jovial Mr. Benson.

Dr. Joseph A. Davis, who resided on Franklin street, just at the head of Washington street, was another jovial, whole-souled man, and all the boys in the towns of West and East Bloomfield liked him. I well remember the time when I attended school at the old stone school-house on the "Back road," as it was called then, but now known by the more pretentious name of Glenridge avenue. One winter day, when there was snow on the ground, Dr. Davis came along with his horse and sleigh just as the boys were leaving school, and he invited all of them who could to "catch on," and I can assure you that they were not slow in accepting the generous invitation. At that time Dr. Dodd (father of Hon. Amos Dodd) and Dr. Davis were, I believe, the only practicing physicians in your vicinity, and their professional calls extended all over West and East Bloomfield, which kept them continually on the go.

Israel Crane—he was dubbed "King" by the young folks on account of his supposed immense wealth—kept a large dry goods and grocery store on the same road as the school-house, just north of the Montclair station of the Lackawanna Railroad. He also had in connection with the store one of the largest olive mills in Essex county, which did a thriving business. It was the delight of the boys in the neighborhood to go into the mill with pieces of straw and imitate the delectable fluid as it came direct from the various presses. In the rear of the store and older mill Mr. Crane owned many acres of land, besides a large tract on Bay lane, as well as other real estate in various parts of the town. He was also proprietor of the Bloomfield turnpike, and owned the brown stone quarry or Bloomfield avenue at Newark. The stone house which he lived in while in Newark is still standing on the corner of Bloomfield avenue and Crane street, and just west of this he had a large barn and stables. Although Mr. Crane lived in Newark during the week, he generally spent his Sundays in West Bloomfield, and was looked upon as a resident of that town, as he had a large double three-story frame house adjoining the store. He was a man of rather commanding appearance, and was looked upon with great deference. His son James, a man of gentlemanly mien and also of attractive appearance, was associated with his father in the store at West Bloomfield, and had general charge of the business there. When his father died he succeeded to the business.

I remember well when Mark Ball was in the wagon and blacksmith business on Bloomfield avenue, just above the Centre. He married the daughter of Peter Sandford, a harness manufacturer on Bloomfield avenue, near Montclair Centre. Miss Sandford was considered one of the prettiest girls in the town. Mr. Ball erected a nice house in Washington street, directly opposite the First Baptist Church, and went to live there after his marriage.

David Oakes, the founder of the Oakes woolen mill, was one of the best known business men in Bloomfield and vicinity, and it was always a pleasure to meet him, as he invariably wore a propitious countenance. He was exceedingly jovial, and had a pleasant word for all who came in contact with him.

In the forties William Frame, a prominent citizen of Bloomfield, kept a dry goods and grocery store where Francis Brothers' hardware store is now located. He erected a residence adjoining the store on Bloomfield avenue, which at that time was looked upon as the most pretentious one in town. The spacious grounds around it were kept in first-class order, and were very attractive. The building has recently been moved to Farrand street and converted into a tenement house. While Mr. Frame was in business at the corner he was elected sheriff of Essex county by the old Whig party.

The only other store of the same kind in Bloomfield at that time was kept by Warren S. Baldwin in the upper part of Broad street, not far from the Morris neighborhood. John Rusby, one of the finest young men of the town, was his principal clerk. Mr. Rusby subsequently moved to Franklin, now Nutley, and started in business for himself. He married Abigail Holmes, the member of a prominent family in Belleville. Mr. Rusby died some years ago, but his widow still lives in Nutley.

The first bakery started in Bloomfield, as far as my recollection goes, was opened on the corner of Bloomfield

avenue and Broad street by a Mr. Dodd, the place where the Bloomfield National Bank is now located. Mr. Dodd used to go the rounds of the towns of West and East Bloomfield every afternoon, and his arrival at the various residences where he served his wares was looked upon as a great event.

Many changes have taken place in Bloomfield and vicinity since my boyhood days, and a number of streets and avenues have been opened that were not in existence then. There was no street on the south side of Bloomfield avenue between what was then called Orange lane in West Bloomfield—now known as Elm street in Montclair—and Orange street in Bloomfield, and people of the former place wishing to go to Dordtown had to travel all the way to Orange street.

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## The Other Side of Things—Extravagance.

From earliest New England to the present time, thrift has been preached and written and practiced insistently and persistently. Extravagance has been just as earnestly condemned, and yet the great material prosperity of this nation and its marked mental and normal progress are due to extravagance.

This sounds like rankest heresy. Suppose we take a sharp look at it. Most of us are either too busy or too lazy to walk around to the other side of the proverbial shield to see whether it is red or black, and so we sit still and content that the shield has only the color that is in view from where we sit.

First, let us imagine that each and every family in this broad land was possessed of the real spirit of thrift—every scrap of food utilized, every garment worn to its last threadbare service, every piece of furniture carefully used and passed on from parents to children, and so on through the long list of articles of use and consumption; every available coin carefully put aside for future need, and as few as possible returned into the great current of general circulation.

To be understood what that means we will do well to take a look at the other side. First, at the great extravagance of the rich. Instead of \$50 per year for clothing, a rich woman spends fifty thousand dollars. That money all goes to dressmakers and their assistants and seamstresses, to milliners and their helpers, to lace makers, to clock makers, to shoemakers, to furriers, to hairdressers, to spinners and weavers in silk, linen, cotton and wool, and to those who raised the cotton and flax and grew the sheep and silkworms.

Again an extravagant automobile-crazy rich man spends as much in buying autos for his family and his friends as his wife spends on her clothing. Yet every dollar goes to the manufacturer and his workmen, to the men who made the iron and steel, the brass and other metals, to the wood workers, to the leather workers, to the miners who took the metals from the earth, to the lumbermen who cut the trees in the forest, to the herdsmen whose cattle furnished the hides, and the tanner who changed them into leather, and to the many others whose labors built the extravagant machines.

These are merely examples, but they remind us that if those people had not been so extravagant then workmen and workwomen of many callings would have received just so much less employment, therefore so much less money.

Now let us suppose that the extravagance of the rich were all cut out, and that they all became "thrifty," expending as little as possible. Thousands upon thousands of dressmakers, seamstresses, weavers, spinners and farm hands would be thrown out of work, thousands upon thousands of machinists, iron and steel workers, miners, lumbermen and others would be "laid off." Furniture manufacturers, carpet and upholstering mills, book and magazine publishers would have to discharge a large part of their workers or wholly close up their establishments.

(To be continued.)

## Pure Food Show.

Extraordinary efforts are being made by the New York Retail Grocers' Union to make the Pure Food Show, to be held under their auspices during the month from February 10 to March 10, 1906, in the new 69th Regiment Armory, the most notable exposition of its kind ever held in New York.

In selecting the 69th Regiment Armory for the show the management has taken the building which is peculiarly fitted for an exposition of this kind. The total floor space available for this show is 152,500 square feet, an amount exceeded by few buildings in the world.

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The show will open every afternoon and evening from February 10 to March 10, 1906. There will be cooking lectures throughout the month, when special menus will be prepared and instructions given in the culinary art and there will also be an interesting display of novel cooking utensils.

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## STATEMENT OF

## The Bloomfield Savings Institution

JANUARY 1, 1906.

## ASSETS.

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Bonds of                                      |              |
| Essex County.....                             | \$15,000 00  |
| Hudson County.....                            | 20,000 00    |
| City of Newark.....                           | 1,000 00     |
| City of Summit.....                           | 25,000 00    |
| City of Bordentown.....                       | 15,000 00    |
| Town of West Orange.....                      | 20,000 00    |
| Town of Irvington.....                        | 15,000 00    |
| Town of Kearny.....                           | 20,000 00    |
| Township of Neptune.....                      | 9,000 00     |
| Borough of Atlantic Highlands.....            | 6,000 00     |
| Borough of Allentown.....                     | 33,000 00    |
| School Dist. No. 90 1/2, Monmouth County..... | 10,000 00    |
| West Jersey and Seashore Railroad Co.....     | 50,000 00    |
| Bonds and Mortgages.....                      | 347,078 88   |
| Real Estate.....                              | 2,500 00     |
| Premiums on Bonds.....                        | 10,652 50    |
| Cash on Hand and in Banks.....                | 34,915 84    |
| Interest Accrued on Investments.....          | 7,335 31     |
| Total.....                                    | \$641,482 53 |

## LIABILITIES.

|                                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Due Depositors, (1851 Accounts)..... | \$554,636 60 |
| Surplus Fund.....                    | 86,845 93    |
| Total.....                           | \$641,482 53 |

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